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PURE SPANISH CHAMPIONS AT ARABES&CO 2010

Two “pure spanish” females, Complutum Arabians’ grey SANTA-MARIA and Ses Planes’ bay ABHA-RAIPUR, were crowned Champion Mare and Champion Filly respectively at the XVI Arabes&Co Ecaho-B Show. Stallions’ gold went to french IM-BAYARD-CATHARE and for the Colts the Champion was NAPOLEON-EA, while Laura Farres won the combined Arabes&Co 2010 Trophy riding NARYM.

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The Arabes&Co Ecaho-B show is the most important arabian horse show of the spanish season, as it is the only international show as well as the only Ecaho-B show, and most years the show attracts more entries than the Spanish Nationals. On top of its own appeal as a halter show, the Arabes&Co offers an unique combined competition with ridden classes for arabian horses and the Arabes&Co Trophy goes every year to that special arabian horse and rider combination who wins this halter show and sport competition.

The sixteenth edition of Arabes&Co was hosted in Mioño, a little village at atlantic seashore in the northern spanish region of Cantabria, and organized by the CAFCA breeders association and La Gerencia riding school. This years’ Arabes&Co halter show judges were Maria Ferraroni from Italy, Claudia Darius from Germany, Omar Khatib from Morocco and Hassanain Al-Nakeeb from the United Kingdom. Moroccan Malak Benamar acted as DC while spanish Santiago Fernandez Bermejo and Diego Marquez-Tosina were respectively ringmaster and president of the ground jury for the ridden classes.

ADULT CLASSES

As usual at Arabes&Co, the halter show started on Saturday morning, June 5th, with the adult classes, as several of these were to enter the same afternoon the first ridden classes. At first there were two gelding classes, with ABHA-KALAHARI (Carlota Cruz) winning from 4 to 9 years and PUSKIN (La Gerencia) winning the 10 years and older gelding class.

Next came the mares classes, starting with 4 to 6 years old mares, where ZINGARA-PSYCHE (Bautista Vich) won by unanimity of the judges, followed by YAKARTA and YUKA (both Flor de Lis). Mares 7 to 9 was not as easy for the judges, who did not agree about the three obviously best ones, and the first place went to CC-DALLA-PEARL (Las Lunas) with 363 points, the highest mare score of the show, followed by ABHA-LIBIA (Albaicin Galan) and MARLALBA (Complutum Arabians), with same totals but better movements score for ABHA-LIBIA. Unanimity returned for the mares 10 years and older class where Complutum Arabians' SANTA-MARLA easily won followed by La Gerencia's PIKARA and ADAL-AMAPOLA.

The first stallions class, 4 to 6 years old, went to the French entry IM-BAYARD-CATHARE (Laurence Bonnet) followed by DARKO-LAS-LUNAS (Las Lunas) and YAKUT (Flor de Lis). In the next class, 7 to 9 years old stallions, Darius and Al-Nakeeb voted for winner ABHA-MAHDI (Ses Planes) while Khatib preferred AMARAL (Bautista Vich), who was second, and Ferraroni gave them both 90 points. Finally Complutum Arabians' OM-EL-EXTREEM reached again the unanimity of the judges winning the 10 years and older stallions class, followed by ELTON (Bautista Vich) and TAROK-D (Las Lunas).

The championships started with the geldings where Carlota Cruz' ABHA-KALAHARI was named Champion followed by La Gerencia's LAG-DAMANHUR and PUSKIN who got respectively silver and bronze. For the mares championship Darius, Khatib and Ferraroni voted for SANTA-MARLA (Complutum Arabians) for Champion Mare while Al-Nakeeb preferred ZINGARA-PSYCHE (Bautista Vich) who won silver while highest noted CC-DALLA-PEARL (Las Lunas) just got the bronze and did so with only two votes. French IM-BAYARD-CATHARE (Laurence Bonnet) was named Champion Stallion with the votes of Darius, Ferraroni and Al-Nakeeb, followed by OM-EL-EXTREEM (Complutum Arabians) who got silver and ABHA-MAHDI (Ses Planes) who got bronze.

JUNIOR CLASSES

On Sunday morning the halter show continued with the fillies and colts classes. Here Marieta Salas and Ses Planes won the three fillies classes, with ABHA-SALINA for the yearling fillies, with ABHA-RAIPUR for the 2 years olds and with ABHA-QURAYSY for the 3 years old fillies. For the second place of the yearling class there were three fillies who tied with 352 points so the second place went to PENELOPE-BV (Bautista Vich) for her better Type score, the third to LAMPANA (Bosc del Siscar) for her better Movements score and the fourth to HAITY (Xavier Roch). Next class' winner ABHA-RAIPUR (Ses

Planes) got a grand total of 366 points, the highest score of the whole show, and of course the unanimity of the four judges. Second place went to French PRISMA-DE-LAFON (Mas de Lafon) and third to TRESSOR-OF-MARWAN (Alfredo Capetilla). The second place for the 3 years old fillies went to IE-SUHAR (Laura Farres), a daughter of ZHIVAGO, one of the last stallions bred by Diego Mendez.

The chestnut BV-ADZHARAN (Bautista Vich), preferred by Ferraroni and Khatib, was the winner of the yearling colts class with 356 points, the highest score of all the colts. Second place went to ABHA-SHARIK (Ses Planes), preferred by Darius and Al-Nakeeb. The 2 years colts class finished with NAPOLEON-EA (Aboukbadija Abdelmajid) and LANCELOT (Gabriela Karseska) having a tie at 353 points, with first place going to NAPOLEON-EA for his better Type score. And then the 3 years old FER-DOCKER (La Eria) won the last class with NIGAS-DE-NAUTLAC (Arrayal Arabians) second.

The junior championships were both decided by unanimity for the champions with ABHA-RAIPUR (Ses Planes) getting the fillies' gold and NAPOLEON-EA (Aboukbadija Abdelmajid) the colts' gold. For the fillies PRISMA-DE-LAFON (Mas de Lafon) got silver and ABHA-QURAYSI (Ses Planes) bronze, and for the colts championship silver went to ABHA-SHARIK (Ses Planes) and bronze to LANCELOT (Gabriela Karseska).

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The ridden classes, with twenty-four entries at three different competition levels, started on Saturday afternoon with the Dressage where Laura Farres took the lead riding NARYM, confirming in the evening Steeple Chase at the Brazomar Beach in nearby Castro Urdiales.

On Sunday morning, after the halter classes and a compulsory vet-check for all the competition horses, came the spectacular Cross-Country where Farres and NARYM kept the first position at the highest level, followed closely by Carlota Cruz on ABHA-KALAHARI, the gelding gold medal winner at halter. On Sunday afternoon the Show Jumping class was also won by Laura Farres on NARYM, so after this the final standings for the combined competition, halter show and ridden classes, crowned Laura Farres an NARYM Arabes&Co 2010 Champions, while past years' champion URKIOLA, ridden by Alfonso de los Santos, finished second and Carlota Cruz was third with ABHA-KALAHARI.

Although halter shows remain clearly the most important part of the actual Arabian horse industry, it is always refreshing and interesting to verify that most Arabian purebreds are still very good and very multi-talented sport horses. Endurance and racing are two of these aspects already known by the public, but it is good to show more of their talents, as done every year here at the Arabes&Co Show in Spain, now for 16 years in a row. Amongst the other special trophies it is fair to mention the Trophy for the Best Show Breeder given to Marieta Salas' Ses Planes, the Trophy for the Best Sporthorse Breeder given to HRH Teresa de Borbon's Flor de Lis stud, and the Trophy for the Best Handler won by Bernat Tolra. □

Fillies



Gold Medal Fillies

ABHA RAIPUR

OWNER: SES PLANES



Silver Medal Fillies

PRISMA DE LAFON

OWNER: MAS DE LAFON



Bronze Medal Fillies

ABHA QURAYSI

OWNER: SES PLANES

Colts



Gold Medal Colts

NAPOLEÓN EA

OWNER: ABOUKHADIJA ABDELMAJID



Silver Medal Colts

ABHA SHARIK

OWNER: SES PLANES



Bronze Medal Colts

LANCELOT

OWNER: GABRIELA KARSESKA

Mares



Gold Medal Mares

SANTA MARÍA

OWNER: COMPLUTUM ARABIANS



Silver Medal Mares

ZÍNGARA PSYCHE

OWNER: BAUTISTA VICH



Bronze Medal Mares

CC DALIA PEARL

OWNER: LAS LUNAS

Stallions



Gold Medal Stallions

IM BAYARD CATHARE

OWNER: LAURENCE BONNET



Silver Medal Stallions

OM EL EXTREEM

OWNER: COMPLUTUM ARABIANS



Bronze Medal Stallions

ABHA MAHDI

OWNER: SES PLANES

Special Trophies

High Points

FILLIES: ABHA RAIPUR OWNER: SES PLANES

COLTS: BV ADZHARAN OWNER: BAUTISTA VICH

MARES: CC DALIA PEARL OWNER: LAS LUNAS

STALLIONS: IM BAYARD CATHARE OWNER: LAURENCE BONNET

Best Movements

JUNIOR: ABHA RAIPUR OWNER: SES PLANES

SENIOR: CC DALIA PEARL OWNER: LAS LUNAS

Best Breeder for Show

SES PLANES

Best Breeder for Sport

FLOR DE LIS

Best Handler

BERNAT TOLRA